

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 6/3/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Cindy Collins, ASM, 788-2932; Amy Olson, ASO II, 781-4729	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve two FY 2014-15 renewal contracts (Clerk's File) with Lisa Moreno and Laura Cooper, licensed occupational therapists, in the cumulative amount not to exceed \$69,600 to provide specialized pediatric occupational therapy for children at Martha's Place. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and direct Chairperson to sign two (2) FY 14-15 renewal contracts with Lisa Moreno and Laura Cooper, licensed occupational therapists, in the cumulative amount not to exceed \$69,600 to provide specialized pediatric occupational therapy for children at Martha's Place.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Medi-Cal	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$69,600.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$69,600.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT { X } Consent    { } Presentation                      { } Hearing (Time Est. ____ )    { } Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS { } Resolutions    { X } Contracts    { } Ordinances    { } N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) 19001409		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A { } 4/5 Vote Required            { X } N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY { } N/A    Date: <u>06-04-2013</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW  Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director  
Anne Robin, LMFT, Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 6/3/2014

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## **DISCUSSION**

For several years, Lisa Moreno and Laura Cooper have provided Martha's Place, the Children's Assessment Center, specialized pediatric occupational therapy for children referred and are determined to need evaluation and treatment. Occupational therapy employs a purposeful activity to help the client form adaptive responses that enable the nervous system to work more efficiently, thereby allowing the child to more fully engage and participate in life. Ms. Moreno and Ms. Cooper specialize in occupational therapy for high risk children zero to five years of age, many of whom have been exposed prenatally to drugs or alcohol or exhibit at risk behaviors that interfere with normal development. Normal development includes sensory integration, the organization of sensation for use, which gives us information about the physical condition of our body and the environment around us. Ms. Moreno and Ms. Cooper provide evaluation and treatment for children who experience sensory integration *dysfunction*. Sensory integration dysfunction involves difficulty in processing or organizing the flow of sensory input that gives us information about our bodies and the world. When sensory information is confusing, overwhelming or distorted, the child is likely to have problems paying attention, learning, planning, and doing skilled tasks.

Ms. Moreno and Ms. Cooper assess each child who presents with symptoms such as poor attention span, difficulty learning, trouble following directions, inability to sit through a meal, and poor coordination during play. Occupational therapy can help children improve many skills including motor skills, sensory processing and regulation, visual motor and perceptual skills, social skills, attention and listening skills, and neuromuscular based concerns.

Occupational therapy is a very specialized field and those trained in this specialty field are far and few between. Demographic and other factors contribute to a shortage of occupational therapists prevalent in San Luis Obispo County. Recruitment and retention of occupational therapists is impacted by competition from school districts and medical groups. Lisa Moreno and Laura Cooper are two independent occupational therapists who have the capacity to contract with the County and provide treatment to County clients referred to them by Martha's Place.

The renewal of these contracts is dependent upon Board approval of the Health Agency FY 2014-15 budget. Each contract includes language that would allow the County to terminate the agreement in the unlikely event the Health Agency's budgets are not approved with sufficient funding for this use.

## **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the contract as to form and legal effect.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The FY 2014-15 Behavioral Health Department Recommended Budget includes \$69,600 for occupational therapy for children who are assessed at Martha's Place and proven to be in need of the service. This amount is the same level as FY 2013-14 and will be split evenly between both contracts, with \$34,800 apportioned to each contract listed above. As of April 30, 2014 each contract is approximately 82% spent and it is anticipated each contract will be 100% spent by June 30, 2014.

During FY 2014-15 it is anticipated that more than 74 children will receive these key occupational therapy services that allow them to develop and grow normally.

Our current Medi-Cal reimbursement Agreement has been amended to include occupational therapy services, which will allow the Health Agency to bill for a portion of these services and receive Medi-Cal revenue.

## **RESULTS**

### **Martha's Place Occupational Therapy Outcomes**

	Referrals	Children Evaluated	Children Treated
FY 2009-10 Actual	80	60	60
FY 2010-11 Actual	164	129	92
FY 2011-12 Actual	158	122	86
FY 2012-13 Actual	109	77	60
FY 2013-14 through 4/30/2014	106	75	59

The occupational therapy services provided by Ms. Moreno and Ms. Cooper at Martha's Place provide children, as well as their families, the means to facilitate their development, growth and education in a supportive and joyful environment. By assisting children aged 0-5 to become more sensitive to sensory integration, it puts them on the path to leading a happier and more successful life. Providing the most appropriate services to these clients increases their probability of positive treatment outcomes. Furthermore, positive treatment outcomes contribute to the wider County vision of a healthy and safe community.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Clerk's Filed Coversheet Cooper & Moreno Contract Renewals FY 14-15